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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Information Disclosure Statement*

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 8/24/04 was filed. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner considered the information disclosure statement. And the prior arts in the IDS do not change the allowability of claims in this application.

### *Conclusion*

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